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SUBJ: APPARENT CHANGE IN ISRAELI SIGNALS TO LEBANESE CHRISTIANS

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IT APPEARS AMB LEWIS' CONVERSATION WITH BEGIN AND WEIZMAN
ON FEB 11 (REF A) HAD VERY HEALTHY EFFECT. DANY CHAMOUN
TOLD EMBOFF FEB 15 THAT THE ISRAELIS WERE NOW SAYING
(THROUGH THEIR AGENTS AND SECURE COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL
THAT THE ONLY HELP THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE CHRISTIANS IN
THEIR CURRENT DIFFICULTIES WITH THE SYRIANS WOULD BE TO
PROVIDE WEAPONS IF NEEDED. THIS WAS QUITE AT ODDS WITH
WHAT DANY HAD TOLD EMBOFF LAST WEEK AND OVER THE WEEKEND, WHEN
HE SAID THE ISRAELIS WERE ENCOURAGING THE CHRISTIANS TO CARRY
ON THE FIGHT WITH THE SYRIANS. DANY SAID HE THOUGHT THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE "SAT HARD ON THE ISRAELIS."
HE SAID THIS WAS HELPFUL IN CALMING DOWN THE GENERAL SITUATION.
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